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1. The present full title of the United Front Department is Jen Min Min Chu T'ung I Chan Hsien Pu (人民民主統一戰綫部), People's Democratic United Front Department. This is a new name adopted since the conquest of Peiping. The normal abbreviated name is T'ung Chan Pu. The previous name, used from the outbreak of the anti-Japanese war until the conquest of Peiping, was K'ang Jih T'ung I Chan Hsien Pu (抗日統一戰綫部).
2. The Anti-Japanese United Front Department was established by the Chinese Communist Party at the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war. Its aim was to unite all parties and cliques in China, including the Kuomintang, into a single anti-Japanese front. However, the Kuomintang, although it expressed approval at the time, did not actually participate in the United Front, and when the Chinese forces withdrew from the Wuhan area, the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party came into conflict. Thereafter only the Communists and those democratic personages who had some leftist inclination participated in the activities of the United Front. After V-J Day the organization's function was changed to that of uniting various democratic parties and cliques and political consultation opposing the Kuomintang. Following the conquest of the mainland and the establishment of the Chinese People's Government (CPG), the present name was taken and the personnel were re-shuffled.
3. The United Front Department does not literally belong under the CPG proper. It is similar in nature to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference which is the highest organization joining together the various parties, cliques, and bodies permitted within Communist China. Ostensibly, the United Front Department is charged with strengthening the cooperation among various groups in order to implement the people's democratic political power, the common platform, and policies and orders of the CPG. Actually, however, it is the tool by which the Chinese Communists control the majority parties and cliques. Its headquarters is in Peiping with branch headquarters

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in provinces, municipalities, and the major military administrative regions. Most officials in the United Front Department are concurrently important functionaries in other government offices. Their United Front work is done largely through the medium of conferences.

4. The most important sections and persons of the United Front Department are as follows:

a. Organization

- (1) First Bureau - takes charge of secretaries' duties, personnel administration, accounting, and general affairs.
- (2) Second Bureau - takes charge of research and investigation.
- (3) Third Bureau - takes charge of liaison, social activities, and supervisory duties.
 - (a) 1st Office - Deals with cultural, educational, and religious bodies.
 - (b) 2d Office - Deals with the various parties and cliques, democratic personages, and industrial, commercial and social bodies.
 - (c) 3d Office - Deals with overseas Chinese bodies, and racial groups such as Hui (回), Meng (蒙), Ts'ang (藏), Miao (苗) etc.
 - (d) 4th Office - Deals with propaganda, liaison and other activities in Asiatic countries such as Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Southeast Asia.

b. United Front Department of the central Communist Party organization.

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Chief	: LI Wei-han (李維漢)
Deputy Chief	: HSING Hsi-p'ing (邢西萍)
Secretary General	: CH'I Yen-ming (齊燕銘)
Secretariat	
Director	: CHOU Tzu-chien (周子健)
Confidential Section	
Chief	: TSOU Ch'ün (鄒羣)
Secretary	: YU Kang (于剛)
Public Relations Office ¹	
Communications Section ²	
Chief	: CHU Yu-hsiueh (朱友學)

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Personnel Section²

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Chief : HUANG Jen

First Office³

Chief : HU Ch'iao-mu

Deputy Chief : HO Ch'eng-hsiang (何成相)

Second Office³

Chief : LIANG Hua (梁華)

Deputy Chief : WEN Ch'eng-t'ien (聞成天)

Third Office³

Chief : LIEN Kuan (連貫)

Deputy Chief : HSU Ching-ch'eng (許敬誠)

Training Class

Deputy Secretary : HSIEN Sheng

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- c. United Front Department of the Central and South China Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party.

Chief : CHANG Chih-i (張執一)

- d. United Front Department of the South China Sub-Bureau⁴ of the Central and South China Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party.

Chief : JAO Chang-feng (饒彰風) 50X1-HUM

Secretary General : LO Li-shih (羅理賢)

Comment. Previous identifications of all persons reported except WEN Cheng-t'ien are as follows:

CHANG Chih : a member of the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee.

CH'Y Yen-ming : assistant secretary general of the Government Administration Council.

CHIU Yu-hsiueh : deputy chief of the General Affairs Department of the Secretariat of the Government Administration Council.

CHOU Tzu-chien : deputy director of the Secretariat of the Government Administration Council.

HO Ch'eng-hsiang : director of the staff office of the central government's Committee of Culture and Education. Also reported as chief of military intelligence of the "Asia Cominform."

HSIEN Sheng : deputy chief of the Secretariat of the central government's Commission of Overseas Chinese Affairs.

HSING Hsi-p'ing : deputy director of the United Front Department of the Chinese Communist Party.

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HSU Ching-ch'ong

a member of the central government's Committee of Overseas Chinese Affairs. According to the New China News of 20 October 1949, he is also head of the Third Office of the United Front Department of the Chinese Communist Central Committee.

HU Ch'iao-mu

a member of the central government's Committee of Culture and Education. Also reported as a member of the Propaganda Department of the Chinese Communist Central Committee.

HUANG Jen

deputy chief of Department Number 1, Personnel Affairs Bureau, Government Administration Council. 50X1-HUM

JAO Chang-feng

chief of the United Front Department of the Chinese Communist South China Bureau. [redacted]

LIANG Hua

deputy director of the Personnel Affairs Bureau of the Government Administration Council.

LIEN Kuan

a member of the central government's Committee of Overseas Chinese Affairs. According to the New China News of 20 October 1949, he is head of the Third Office of the United Front Department of the Chinese Communist Party. 50X1-HUM

LO Li-shih

secretary of the South China Branch of the United Front Department. [redacted] Reported as chairman of the Kuangtung Public Relations Office. 50X1-HUM

TSOU Ch'un

deputy director of the Confidential Affairs Department of the Secretariat, Government Administration Council.

YU Kang

a member of the advisory office of the Government Administration Council.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Names of persons in this office were not reported.

2. [redacted] Comment. These two offices may be sections of the First Bureau reported in paragraph 4 a (1). 50X1-HUM

3. [redacted] Comment. It is not clear whether these three offices are the first three of the offices listed under the Third Bureau in paragraph 4 a (3). Since there is considerable similarity between the work done by the individuals in the government and the functions listed for the first three offices of the Third Bureau, it is possible that the three offices are the same.

4. [redacted] Comment. The term "sub-bureau" was used here although this frequently refers to the South China Bureau rather than the South China Sub-bureau. Possibly South China Bureau is correct.

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